

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LAHONTAN REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF FILING OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

In the Matter of Proposed Amendments
to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) and on a draft "functional equivalent" substitute environmental document prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed amendments would incorporate a TMDL and implementation and monitoring plan to control sediment discharges in the Squaw Creek watershed. The amendments include a description of the sediment impacts in Squaw Creek, numeric targets to interpret narrative water quality objectives related to sedimentation, an analysis of the primary sediment sources in the watershed, an estimate of the loading capacity for sediment in the creek, and estimates reductions in sediment loading needed in order to achieve the TMDL. The implementation plan describes the general nature of actions needed to control excessive sediment discharges in the watershed such that beneficial uses will be protected and water quality standards will be met. A schedule of monitoring and surveillance requirements along with provisions for review and revision of the TMDL are included.

The draft environmental document for the proposed amendments concludes that they will have no significant adverse effects on the environment. There are no sites in the Squaw Creek watershed on the list of hazardous waste sites maintained under Government Code Section 65962.5. The technical justification for the proposed amendments is provided in a separate staff report.

The public hearing will begin as follows:

DATE: April 12, 2006

TIME: During the Lahontan Water Board's regular meeting. The meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, April 12, 2006.

PLACE: The location of the meeting has not been determined at this time. The location information will be available on the Lahontan Water Board's Internet web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan> no less than 10 days before the meeting.

An agenda announcement with additional information on the timing of the hearing within the meeting will be available in late March on the Lahontan Water Board's web page. Paper copies may be requested by contacting Board staff.

The meeting room will be accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Laurie Applegate at (530) 542-5414 by October 1. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Lahontan Water Board will consider certification of the environmental document and approval of the proposed amendments.

The public review period for the proposed amendments and CEQA documents will extend from November 22, 2005 to January 5, 2006. Written comments or questions on the amendments and environmental document should be directed to the attention of Anne Holden at the address below or via email to aholden@waterboards.ca.gov. Ms. Holden's telephone number is (530) 542-5450.

The draft amendments and supporting documents will be available on the Lahontan Water Board's Internet web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan>. Copies of these documents may be obtained by calling (530) 542-5400. Copies of the Basin Plan, the proposed amendments, the environmental document, and related materials may be examined and photocopied on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Lahontan Water Board's office, 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

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ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

November 18, 2005
Date